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1. The Metal Construction and Screw Production Plant is 400 meters west of the Tezno railroad station near the airfield and the Motor Vehicle and Aircraft Component Plant; it is bounded on the west by Maistrova Street which leads to Maribor. The factory was built in 1940 by Rosshandler, an Austrian, and later was taken over by his sons-in law, Reuter and Schussler. At that time the plant was called Mariborska Tovarna Vijakov. In 1941 it was requisitioned by German authorities, merged with the Krupp Trust, and called Marburger Schraubenfabrik. In 1945 the plant was nationalized and is now under the control of the Slovene Ministry of Production which allocates work and lays down plans to be followed in production. Plans for bridge construction are authorized both by this Ministry and by the Central Ministry of Heavy Industry in Belgrade.

2. At present the entire production of the plant is for military needs.

3. It is planned to open a metallurgical school giving four-year courses at the Tezno plant by the end of 1948.

4. The plant employs 900 workers, including 40 trained engineers, construction specialists, and clerks; there are 50 workers in the screw manufacturing plant. The average worker's wage is about 5,000 dinars per month, and skilled personnel receive about 8,000 dinars per month. In addition to the aforementioned personnel, approximately 1,000 to 2,000 men are employed in construction work in enlarging the plant.

5. The plant receives electric power from the Fala Slovene State-controlled power-plant; however, it is planned to draw power in the future from a new power-plant in Mariborski Otok. The latter plant is not operating as yet, since it is waiting for a supply of generators from the Rade Koncar factory (formerly a Siemens electric appliance plant)in Zagreb.

6. Production

a. Screws, screw nuts, rivets of various unspecified types and sizes for iron and wood, amounting to approximately four carloads per month.

b. Steel bridge construction (one steel bridge every two months), as well tanks for gasoline and armored plate. There follows a list of recently completed jobs:

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1. Six bridges for the Samac-Sarajevo youth railroad.

2. Three sections of the Belgrade-Pancevo bridge.

3. Railroad bridge crossing the Danube near Novi Sad.

4. Railroad bridge near Zvornik.

5. Railroad fuel storage tanks (quantity produced per month unspecified) as well as gasoline tanks for airfields. Capacity of these tanks is usually 30,000 liters. The largest gasoline tank construction to date was for the Zemun Airfield, with a fuel capacity of 150,000 liters; the second largest was delivered to Burgas (Bulgaria) and has a capacity of 90,000 liters. The thickness of the steel plates is usually between 8 and 12 meters.

6. Caterpillars for tanks (type and quantity unspecified) for delivery to the War Technical Institute in Kragujevac.

7. Armored plates for field guns and machine guns. These shields are manufactured on the Soviet pattern and are mounted on wheels.

8. Armored plate for tank production has not started as of date but is contemplated as soon as the plant receives two steel presses.

9. Cranes (type and quantity unspecified)

10. Pillars for overland high voltage cable lines (quantity unspecified).

Products are delivered to the Soviet Union, Bulgaria and Rumania, and also are used for domestic needs.

7. The Tezno plant receives the following raw and half-finished materials:

a. Iron coils, T-beams, iron and steel plates from the KID Combine in Jesenice.

b. Steel beams of various types were drawn until recently from an unspecified German military dump in Serbia from stock originating from Donawitz, near Leoben, Austria.

c. Unspecified tin products are received from the Western Tin Products Factory in Celje.

8. Personnel

State delegate:	Cevic, Vinko, 28 years old, single, prior to the last war was a laborer in the Western Tin Products Factory in Celje; joined the Tito partisans in 1942 and subsequently became a member of the Communist Party. Cevic has no professional training and for this reason he will soon be replaced by Engineer Milosavljevic, a Serb now employed in the plant.
Managing Director:	Centrih, Maro, 46 years old, of German origin, member of the OF, an experienced man.
Chief Engineer:	Slavic (fnu), engineer.
Assistant Chief Engineer:	Milavec (fnu) specialist in bridge construction.

9. Plant Identification

(The following numbers correspond with those on attached sketch)

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1. Administration building, one-story stone construction, 60x20x12 meters, tile roof, contains the managing director's office, technical officer, bookkeeping department, and general offices, as well as living quarters for the delegate and managing director.

2. Factory canteen, one-story stone building size 25x10x7 meters, with tile roof, shower, locker rooms, and factory guard rooms.

3. Screw production plant, one-story stone construction, 50x20x12 meters, tile roof. In the main entrance (D on sketch) is a ramp for loading and unloading.

   A on sketch contains six machines for manufacturing screws, nuts and rivets, as well as numbering machines.

   B is the screw storage section and lubricating oil department.

   C is a tool and machine repair shop.

   E represents the screw storage department.

   F is the iron coil storage department.

4. Bridge construction plant, one-story stone building, 100x35x22 meters, with tile roof, consists of one main assembling hall (A on sketch); a transmission station (B on sketch); and a crate manufacturing section (C on sketch). This assembling hall is equipped with two mobile cranes on tracks, with a lifting capacity of 30,000 kilos; and a crane suspended from the ceiling with a lifting capacity of 1,000 kilos. In the center of the hall is a hydraulic press for cutting and bending steel beams and plates; there are twelve machines for electric welding, cutting, and drilling installed in this assembling hall. Bridges up to a 40 meter span are constructed here and larger bridges are assembled outdoors.

5. Two mobile cranes, each 25 meters high, with a total lifting capacity of 50,000 kilos.

6. Storehouse, one-story stone building, 50x20x8 meters, contains steel beams and plates.

7. Storage house, one-story stone building, 50x20x8 meters, contains iron shavings, steel beams, wire, steel plates and tools.

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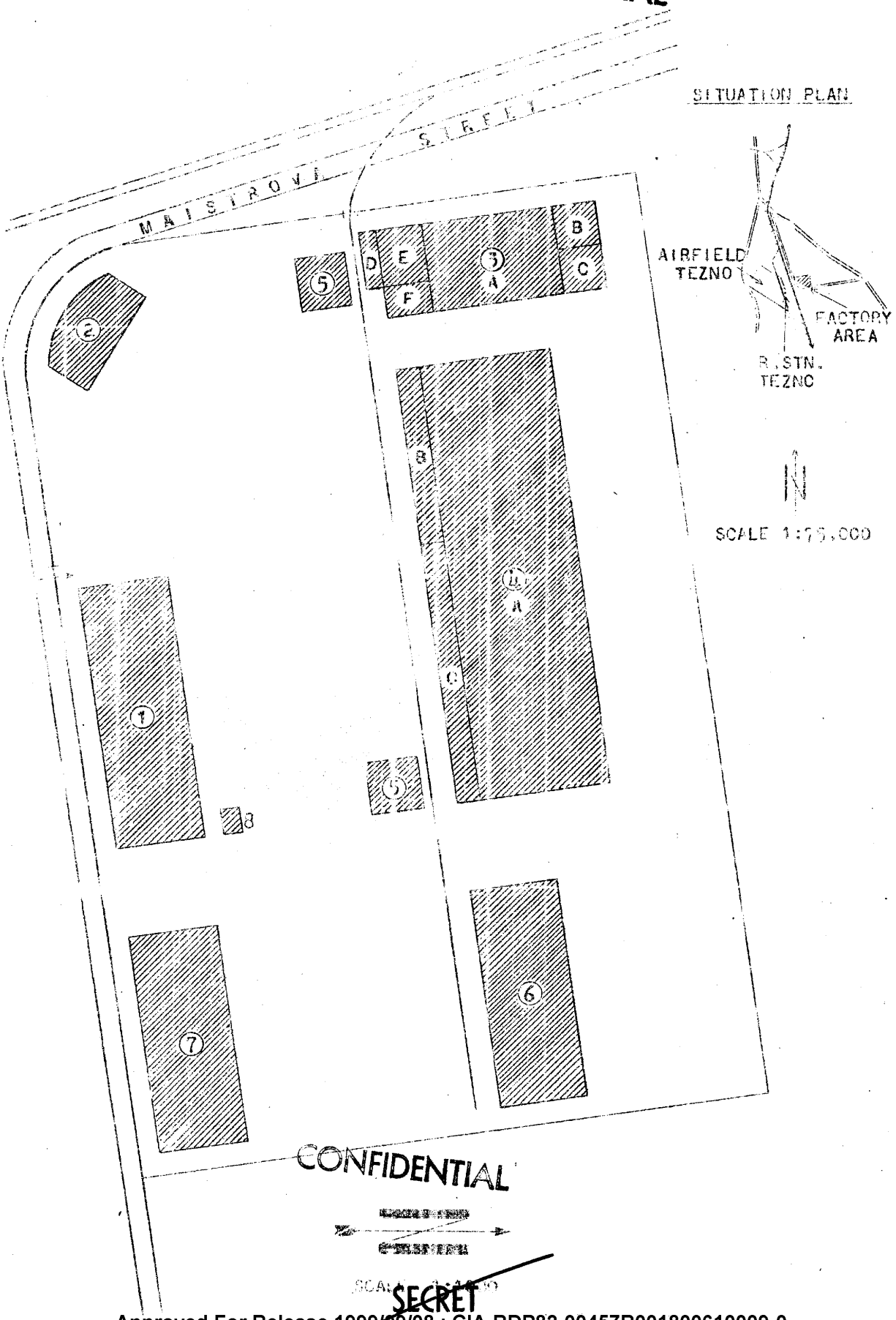

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